

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-20 were previously pending in the application. Claims 1, 8-9, 12-13, 15, and 18-20 are amended; and new claims 21-22 are added herein. Support for new claims 21-22 is found, for example, in original claims 1 and 12. Assuming the entry of this amendment, claims 1-22 are now pending in the application. The Applicant hereby requests further examination and reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and these remarks.

In paragraph 1 of the office action, the Examiner objected to the drawings. In response, the Applicant submits herewith a Transmittal of Corrected Drawing(s) amending Fig. 1 as suggested by the Examiner. In addition, Fig. 3 is amended to correct a typographical error.

In paragraphs 2-3, the Examiner objected to the abstract. In response, the Applicant has amended the abstract as suggested by the Examiner.

In paragraph 4, the Examiner reminded the Applicant of the preferred layout of the specification. In response, the Applicant has amended the specification to add section headings and to correct a number of errors.

In paragraph 5, the Examiner reminded the Applicant that "Proper declaration of what is claimed must be determined before the claims are mentioned." In response, the Applicant has amended the specification accordingly.

In paragraph 6, the Examiner objected to the disclosure because of an informality. In response, the Applicant has amended the specification as suggested by the Examiner.

In paragraph 7, the Examiner objected to certain claims because of informalities. In response, the Applicant has amended claims 1, 12, and 13 as suggested by the Examiner.

In paragraphs 8-9, the Examiner rejected claims 1 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In response, the Applicant has amended claims 1 and 12 as suggested by the Examiner.

In paragraph 10, the Examiner rejected claims 18-20 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. In response, the Applicant has amended claims 18-20 to overcome these rejections. The Applicant has also amended claims 8-9 to conform with the amendments to claims 19-20.

In paragraph 11, the Examiner stated that claims 1-20 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under Section 112, first and second paragraphs.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicant believes that the now-pending claims are in condition for allowance. Therefore, the Applicant believes that the entire application is now in condition for allowance, and early and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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ANNOTATED MARKED-UP DRAWINGS

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FIG. 2

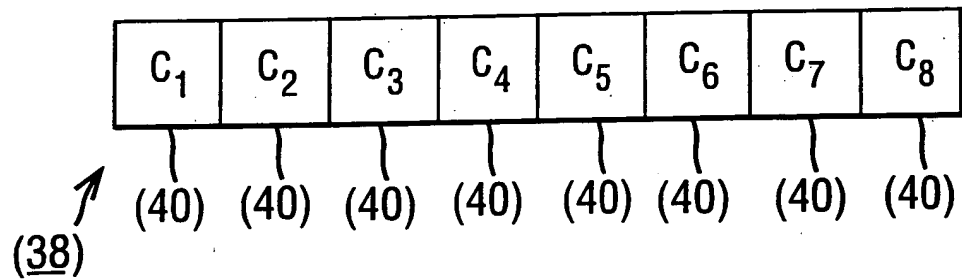


FIG. 3

